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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marc R. Anderson; Larry N. Stewart; Howard M. Kingston

Assignee: Metara, Inc.

Title: Automated In-Process Ratio Mass Spectrometry For Trace Components Of A Process Solution (as amended)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2005.

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